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This IDS is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR. §1.97-1.98 and includes the following:

- ☒ A **listing** of the references on PTO-1449.
- ☐ A copy of all **non-US** references which are listed on the PTO-1449.
- ☒ A copy of a counterpart foreign **Examination Report** which explains the relevance of the references noted therein.
- ☐ A separate **explanation of relevance**.

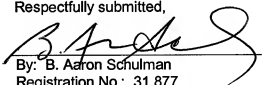
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- ☒ 1. This IDS is filed (Rule 1.97(b)) at whichever is the latest of:
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 - within three months of the date of entry into the NATIONAL STAGE as set forth in 37 CFR. §1.491 in an international application, or
 - before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits or after filing of an RCE (*but if a first Office Action is mailed but not yet received and the date on the face of the attached communication makes it evident that this IDS is submitted within three months from the mailing of the search report, then applicant is entitled to have this IDS considered under 2.B. below and such boxes should be considered as having been checked*).
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 - ☐ **A.** Is accompanied by a payment in the amount of \$180.00 required by 37 CFR. §1.17(p).
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 - ☐ **D.** An appropriate Statement is attached.

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- ☐ D. An appropriate Statement is attached.
- ☐ 4. This IDS does not comply with 37 CFR 1.97-1.98, and is being filed for **placement in the file** pursuant to 37 CFR. §1.97(i). .
- ☒ 5. It will also be appreciated that:
- a. It is believed that this IDS complies fully with 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-98 and with MPEP § 609; but if for some reason it does not and will not be entered, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned so that any deficiency can be timely remedied.
- b. Some of the documents may have markings thereon, but no significance should be attached to those markings.
- c. These documents are not necessarily analogous art.
- d. Where an English language translation of an abstract is provided from a public source, applicant cannot vouch for the accuracy of that translation.
- ☒ 6. If no payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection with this communication or if the payment enclosed is insufficient, the Director is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due with this communication to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

Respectfully submitted,

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Examiner's first report on patent application no. 2004246420
by Digital Disease Management Holdings SA (Pty) Ltd

Last proposed amendment no.

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am replying to the request for examination. I have based this report on the pamphlet. I have examined the application and I believe that there are lawful grounds of objection to the application. These grounds of objection are:

1. The invention defined in claim 1 does not involve an inventive step when compared to the common general knowledge in the art combined with the disclosure of the following prior art document:

D1 US 20020029157 (Marchosky) 7 March 2002

D1 discloses a method of acquiring data that includes the steps of providing unique numbers associated with a first person (Paragraphs [0023], [0059]), a second person (Paragraph [0054]), a specific question contained in a list of questions (Paragraphs [0084-0086]; Figure 5), a fourth number being an answer to the specific question (Paragraphs [0084-0086]; Figure 5), a question code (Paragraphs [0084-0086]; Figure 5), a statistical weight given to the fourth number (Paragraph [0075]; Figures 3, 4A and 5), and a description reference of the question code (Paragraphs [0084-0086]; Figure 5), each element stored in a database (Paragraph [0062]).

D1 does not disclose these elements provided in a first, second and third record sets. However using such a database structure would merely be an obvious choice which a person skilled in the art would arrive at by a routine and non-inventive process when faced with the same problem. Furthermore, the citation is directed to a problem similar to the applicant's problem, and in searching the problem a person skilled in the art could reasonably be expected to have found, and to have ascertained, understood, and regarded, this prior art as relevant.

2. The invention defined in claim 2 does not involve an inventive step when compared to the common general knowledge in the art combined with the disclosure of D1. Features a) to d) are identical to the features listed in claim 1, and do not provide an inventive step for the reasons given above. Furthermore, the feature e) of providing a fourth record set identifying financial data is disclosed by D1 (Paragraphs [0136]-[0137]).

3. Furthermore, it is considered that the features added by appended claims 3-21 are either disclosed in the above cited documents or relate to arrangements that are merely matters of design choice when the general technical knowledge about the state of the art is used and therefore cannot contribute to providing a patentable inventive step.

I apologise for any inconvenience resulting from your application not being considered within the time limit set out in our Customer Service Charter.

You have 21 months from the date of this report to overcome all my objection(s) otherwise your application will lapse.

You will need to pay a monthly fee for any response you file after 12 months from the date of the first report.

You will also need to pay any annual continuation fees that apply. These will normally be first due five years from the filing date. Please note however that earlier commencement dates apply for divisional applications.

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Yours faithfully,



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